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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-11. (canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A system to present a virtual representation of at least one product for purchase by a user of the system, the system including:
- a processor unit;
 - memory, coupled to said processor unit, storing an approximation of an image of said product;
 - a visual sub-system, functionally coupled to said memory and defining a three-dimensional display area, that simulates said image for said user such that a three-dimensional visual representation of said product appears in said display space;
 - a monitor, functionally coupled to said processor unit, to display for viewing by said user a selection including each said product; and
 - a sales unit, coupled to said processor unit, enabling said user to purchase said product.
13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein said memory is network-coupled to said system.
14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein said memory is coupled to said system via an Internet link.
15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein simulation of at least one further characteristic for said product chosen from the group of characteristics consisting of : sound, texture, mass, smell, temperature, and vibration, is provided said user.
16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein simulation of at least two further characteristics for said product are provided said user.

17. (Previously Presented) A method to facilitate user purchase of a product, the method comprising the following steps:
- (a) approximating an image of said product;
 - (b) simulating said product by generating a three-dimensional visual representation of said product, using said image, in a display space for said user;
 - (c) displaying for viewing by said user a selection including each said product;
 - (d) enabling said user to select a product of interest; and
 - (e) enabling said user to purchase said product of interest.

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18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein said method is carried out by a computer-based system.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein step (a) includes storing in a computer-compatible memory said approximation .

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein step (b) includes providing, a visual sub-system defining said display space that simulates said product for said user.

21 (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 12, wherein said memory further stores an approximation of a sound of said product, said system further comprising a simulation subsystem functionally coupled to said memory that simulates said sound for said user.

22. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 12, wherein said memory further stores an approximation of a texture of said product, said system further comprising a simulation subsystem functionally coupled to said memory that simulates said texture for said user.

23. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 12, wherein said memory further stores an approximation of a smell of said product, said system further comprising a simulation subsystem functionally coupled to said memory that simulates said smell for said user.

24 (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 12, wherein said memory further stores an approximation of a mass of said product, said system further comprising a simulation subsystem functionally coupled to said memory that simulates said mass for said user.

25. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 12, wherein said memory further stores an approximation of a temperature of said product, said system further comprising a simulation subsystem functionally coupled to said memory that simulates said temperature for said user.

26. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 12, wherein said memory further stores an approximation of a vibration of said product, said system further comprising a simulation subsystem functionally coupled to said memory that simulates said vibration for said user.

27. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 12, wherein said visual subsystem comprises a dome defining said three-dimensional display area.

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28. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 17, further comprising approximating a sound of said product, and wherein the act of simulating said product further includes simulating the sound of said product for the user.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 17, further comprising approximating a texture of said product, and wherein the act of simulating said product further includes simulating the texture of said product for the user.

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 17, further comprising approximating a mass of said product, and wherein the act of simulating said product further includes simulating the mass of said product.

31. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 17, further comprising approximating a smell of said product, and wherein the act of simulating said product further includes simulating the smell of said product for the user.

32. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 17, further comprising approximating a temperature of said product, and wherein the act of simulating said product further includes simulating the temperature of said product for the user.

33. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 17, further comprising approximating a vibration of said product, and wherein the act of simulating said product further includes simulating the vibration of said product for said user.

34. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 12, wherein said product is a physical, three-dimensional object.

35. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 17, wherein said product is a physical, three-dimensional object.